

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answer to part (c) of the question, may I know whether the Government will consider the advisability of fixing a fare at least in future?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): As at present advised, Government do not think it advisable to fix the rates, because there is competition among the several proprietors and owners of the buses. In course of time the natural consequence of this will be that there will be a reduction in the fares.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Is the member aware that the price of petrol will vary?

PRESIDENT: You cannot ask a question now.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): If the competition is found to be unhealthy, is it not desirable to fix some rates?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That question has to be considered only in future.

Irrigation works in the Neyyattinkara Taluk.

285. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned for irrigation works in the Neyyattinkara taluk for the year 1103, and how much of it was actually spent;

(b) if the whole amount sanctioned was not spent, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the officers concerned are not responsible to see that as much work is turned out during the year as could possibly be done with the amount sanctioned?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) Amount sanctioned ... Rs. 18,725.
Amount actually spent ... Rs. 18,112.

(b) and (c) The difference is trifling and hence these questions do not arise.

The Vengannur Todu.

286. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to the Vengannur todū in the Tiruvallam pakuti, Neyyattinkara taluk, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned for the improvement of the same during the years 1101, 1102 and 1103, together with the amount actually spent during each of those years;

(b) the work that was actually executed by way of improvement thereof in each of the abovesaid years; and

(c) whether the todū in its present state is useful for purposes of irrigation?